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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **CAL-LEARN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF  
DECEMBER 2003 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2004  
(BOARD ORDER #38 - AUGUST 12, 2003)**

Attached is the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) first quarterly report on the Cal-Learn program for the period of December 2003 through February 2004. Cal-Learn is a State-mandated program for pregnant or parenting teenagers. The County's five Adolescent Family Life Planning (AFLP) agencies provide intensive case management to assist teens in completing their high school education.

As instructed by your Board on August 12, 2003, the attached report provides information on the Cal-Learn program, Cal-Learn participants, performance outcome measures that were subsequently incorporated into the Cal-Learn contracts, and other pertinent State or federally required information. The report is comprised of the following:

- **Attachment A, Cal-Learn Caseload Characteristics** - Provides general demographic characteristics on Cal-Learn participants, broken down by contractor.
- **Attachment B, Cal-Learn Program Indicators** - Provides data reported to the State as part of DPSS' reporting requirements on the Cal-Learn program.
- **Attachment C, Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures** - Provides interim data on the three performance outcome measures that have been incorporated into the Cal-Learn contracts. These include the number of school enrollments, report card submissions, and GED/high school graduations.

The outcome measures reported are not reflective of the contracts' negotiated review periods of six months for school enrollment and report card rates and one year for graduation rates. Future reports will include rates on these three measures that will show outcomes over a longer tracking period and will coincide with the contracts' formal evaluation periods. We anticipate increased graduation rates across the annual review period, as most graduations occur in May and June.

As noted above, the performance outcome measures reported in Attachment C do not coincide with the contracts' negotiated review periods. Nevertheless, this interim data provides us with preliminary findings that will be used to identify areas of concern in the Cal-Learn program and/or in contractor performance. Through partners such as the Los Angeles County Office of Education, we will assist the providers in overcoming barriers related to report card schedules and other difficulties that the providers have encountered in working with this hard-to-serve population.

Your Board motion also provided a list of report elements, including indicators regarding post-high school education/vocational training, grade-point average (GPA), and teen birth rates. This information is not currently available. However, we are working with the contractors and will include this data in future reports.

Our next quarterly report will be a cumulative report that will cover the six-month period of December 2003 through May 2004 and will coincide with the contracts' evaluation period for school enrollment and report card submission rates.

BY:yjm

#### Attachments

c:     Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
          Chief Administrative Officer  
          County Counsel

# Cal-Learn Caseload Characteristics by Cal-Learn Provider

December 2003 - February 2004

	<b>El Nido</b>	<b>Foothill</b>	<b>Childrens Hospital</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Family</b>	<b>Alta Med</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Number Served</b>	1,226	364	280	503	604	2,977
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	39	15	11	20	32	117
Female	1,187	349	269	483	572	2,860
<b>Age</b>						
Under 12	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 - 15	62	16	16	22	27	143
16 - 17	398	124	82	149	186	939
18	483	148	119	197	236	1,183
19	253	71	51	121	138	634
20 and Over	30	5	12	14	17	78
<b>Age at Entry</b>						
Under 12	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 - 15	195	55	49	82	91	472
16 - 17	507	142	111	203	237	1,200
18	512	163	115	215	268	1,273
19	10	4	4	3	6	27
20 and Over	2	0	1	0	2	5
<b>Primary Language</b>						
Armenian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambodian	0	2	1	21	2	26
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0
English	940	297	180	372	432	2,221
Korean	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish	285	63	99	109	169	725
Vietnamese	1	1	0	1	1	4
Other	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0	0	1	0	1
Asian	8	7	7	44	9	75
Black	486	46	64	176	18	790
Hispanic	640	284	201	253	549	1,927
White	79	24	8	22	27	160
Other	13	3	0	7	1	24
<b>Employment Status</b>						
Employed	60	20	14	30	29	153
Unemployed	1,166	344	266	473	575	2,824

### Cal-Learn Program Indicators by Cal-Learn Provider December 2003 - February 2004

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	Youth and Family	AltaMed	Total
<b>Number Served in the Review Period</b> (Based on the current number of participants enrolled at least one day of the review period)	1,226	364	280	503	604	2,977
<b>Orientation Attendance Rate</b> Number of Participants Scheduled for Orientation in the review period	534	88	36	63	123	844
Number of Participants Who Completed Orientation in the Review Period	363	64	21	35	87	570
<b>Bonuses and Sanctions</b> Number of Participants Receiving a <b>Bonus</b> in the Review Period.	106	31	11	22	36	206
- Report Card Showed Satisfactory Progress (\$100 Bonus)	100	30	9	19	34	192
- High School Diploma Earned or Equivalent (\$500 Bonus)	9	2	2	3	2	18
Number of Participants Receiving a <b>Sanction</b> in the Review Period	49	27	6	30	69	181
- Report Card Showed Less Than Adequate Progress	2	0	0	1	6	9
- Report Card Was Not Submitted	47	25	6	29	64	171
- Submitting a Late Report Card Without Good Cause	0	2	0	0	0	2
<b>Number Receiving Supportive Services in the Review Period</b>						
Child Care	121	35	15	47	62	280
Transportation	203	40	17	73	106	439
Ancillary Services	42	20	3	12	20	97
<b>Number of Exemptions and Deferrals in the Review Period</b>						
Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferrals	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures by Cal-Learn Provider**  
**December 2003 - February 2004**

	<b>El Nido</b>	<b>Foothill</b>	<b>Childrens Hospital</b>	<b>Youth and Family</b>	<b>AltaMed</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Report Cards</b>						
- Number of Participants with a Report Card Due in the Review Period	824	116	65	163	214	1,382
- Number of Participants Who Submitted a Report Card in the Review Period	323	75	18	83	95	594
<b>Average Monthly School Enrollments</b>	1,407	210	113	197	306	2,233
<b>GED/High School Graduation</b>						
- Number of Participants Who Received a GED/High School Diploma in the Review Period	28	3	2	4	5	42